

## Sector Coordination and Management

The Government of Sierra Leone's National Sustainable Agriculture Development Programme (NSADP), the country's agriculture investment programme, provides the basis for the development of national and district programs to overcome the challenges that militate against the development of agriculture in Sierra Leone. The challenges are clearly interdependent and require a concerted action. The proposed program combines policy, institutional, infrastructure and technology related measures to address the multiplicity of supply-side constraints to enhance the growth potential of Sierra Leone's agriculture. The programme would integrate on-going programmes and projects into this framework and take on the role of a national programme for food security.

### The NSADP Program Objectives

The overall objective of the program is to increase the agriculture sector's contribution to the national economy by increasing productivity through commercialization and private sector participation. The program will facilitate and strengthen the productive capacities of small and medium scale farmers to provide enabling environment to promote large scale farming and development of agribusiness, and facilitate access to markets and value addition for the selected commodities. The selected commodities are: rice, cassava, oil palm, cocoa, fisheries and non-timber forest products (firewood, charcoal, rattan, raffia).

### Key Performance Indicators

Increase in the agriculture sector growth from its current estimate of 2% to 6% per annum by 2015 enhances incomes and food security status of the producers.

### Sub-Programs

The NSADP/CAADP Agriculture Sector Investment Program will have four major sub-programs, namely:

1. Commodity Commercialization
  - Component 1: Small-holder Commercialization Scheme
  - Component 2: Medium and Large Farm Producers Promotion Scheme
2. Agriculture Infrastructure
  - Component 1: Support to the Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Feeder Roads
  - Component 2: Support to the Development of Irrigable Swamps
  - Component 3: Rehabilitation and Modernization of Existing Storage and Processing Facilities and Equipment
  - Component 4: Rehabilitation and Construction of Research Centers, MAFFS Offices
  - Component 5: Rehabilitation and Construction of Fish Harbors, Processing and Packaging Facilities
3. Private Sector Promotion
4. **Sector Coordination and Management.**

### Outcomes and Objectives

The objective of this component is to develop appropriate capacities for the management of the program as well as governance structures. In addition, the Multi-Partners Commodity Groups under the Presidential Task Force on Agriculture consisting of national and international expertise on specific commodities including rice, industrial cassava, fisheries, livestock, export and new potential crops and sustainable timber forest

products. These Groups will comprise of members from government, non-government, private sector, farmers, university/ academia and development partners. The terms of reference of the commodity groups will focus on:

#### Activities:

- i. Coordinate the sector activities, the NSADP and across sub-programs and components to monitor results and impact;

- ii. Monitor evaluation, reporting and fine-tuning of programs and components;
- iii. Manage the program and sector activities at national and district levels;
- iv. Build the capacity (training of personnel, technical assistance, logistics) of the Ministry of Agriculture and other related MDAs, the University, National Farmers Federation and farmer based organizations, Chambers of Agriculture and other related institutions;
- v. Develop policies and guidelines on national level issues such as technical packages, types and location of processing centers, transport, trade, financing, etc. Advise on focused research, quality control and market information;
- vi. Formulate strategies for the development of agribusinesses along commodity chains aimed at improved value addition;
- vii. Link producers with input and output marketing;
- viii. Support and strengthen FBOs to be able to access services such as credit, processing equipment, direct export opportunities;
- ix. Develop, train and ensure adoption of productivity enhancement technology.

*Key Performance Indicators*

Transparent, efficient and effective sector coordination and management

**Table 1 – Cost of program 4: Sector Coordination and Management**

<b>SOUS-PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Mobilized</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Associated</b>	<b>Gap</b>
1. Coordination and management of all sector programs and activities	2.5	0.5	FAO, DFID, WFP, WB/RPSDP, ADB/ASREP, IFAD/RCPRP, IDB/RIDP/NaCSA, IDB/DFPP, ADB/NERICA		2
2. Capacity building of the sector institutions, including the Multi Sector Commodity Group	3	0	ADB/ASREP, IDB/DFPP, IFAD/RCPRP		3
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>			<b>5</b>